# WAR EXHIBIT IN PARIS. A COMPLETE DISPLAY OF GUNS OF MODERY TYPES

Of Interest to Laymen as Well as Experts
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guarantees big profits to the manufacturer who most successfully solves the problem. No sooner, however, is such a gun accepted than every other manufacturer turns his resources to devising a gun that shall surpass A military correspondent for the London Times has examined the exhibits at the Paris Exposition severally and he confesses that in some classes, accepting the performance of the guns as described by the exhibitors, he finds it impossible to select the best. They show such a level standard of excellence that it would seem as if the limit to inventive genius, so far as death-dealing weapons were concerned, had been reached. Each firm has worked out the problem after its own manner, and there in the Exhibition can be seen the different channels which have been employed to attain practically the same result. With the introduction of Maxim's automatic gun of rifle calibre a new demand was created. Since the birth of this demand three more guns of different principle and mechanism, out practically similar in the main result, judged from rapidity and accuracy of fire, have appeared upon the market. Three out of the four automatic guns are to be found upon the platforms of the Paris Exhibition.

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structed to throw a heavier projectile than the Maxim gun of rifle caliber. The Transvaal Government purchased a number of these guns. The British Intelligence Department, in their report on the Boer armaments, made before the war, stated that the Transvaal had two six-gun batteries of this gun in their possession. Its fire therefore did not come as such a surprise as in some quarters has been two six-gun batteriore did not come as session. Its fire therefore did not come as such a surprise as in some quarters has been imagined. Before the war the gun had been offered to the War Office authorities and tried by them. In the opinion of military experts it was not considered suitable for field work. While recommending it as a service-able weapon on a fixed mounting, they considered that it would hardly be justifiable to employ it in the service simply on the strength of the moral Nations at the Paris exhibition made the most comprehensive display of modern types of armament that has ever been shown. It was of interest not only to experts but to laymen who, in the past two years, have become familiar with the names of the various types of machine and rapid-firing guns and who found here an example of each. There was not much in this collection of guns that was absolutely new and to experts it was chiefly valuable for the opportunity which it offered to compare the different means by which rival firms had arrived at nearly the same standard of a cellence.

The modern gun has revolutionized warfare, it has made such formations of troops as were seen in the Civil War as obsolete among civilized nations as the bow and arrow. Every advance in the construction of guns is necessarily of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest. As the range is necessarily of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest. As the range is necessarily of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest. As the range is necessarily of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest. As the range is necessarily of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest. As the range and execution of vital interest is a vital interest. The vital interest is a vital interest in the strength of the moral effect which would be translable to employ it in the service simply on the strength of the moral effect which would be restricted what it was not until the weapon underwent the test of war that any one realized what it selfect which would be The War Office soon realized the smistake, and in Nov

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Four of the great ordnance manufacturing firms of the world accepted in a wholesale manner the field for display offered by the Paris Exposition. These were the French firms Schneider et Cle and the Hotchkiss Company, the English manufacturers, Vickers, Sons & Maxim, and the Austrian company of Skoda Other firms, the majority French, have lesser exhibits. These include the Russian firm Obonichoff, the French manufacturing companies Maximard et Cle, Usine St. Chamond Société Metallurgique de l'Arriège, Usine Bureau, Assailly, Société Metallurgique de Montbard, Blach St. Vaart, Thuan et Fils, Marveil Research and the Skoda works. The breeche sof their navallegus are all of the wedge pattern. The of-

Société Metallurgique de l'Arnège, Usine Bureau, Assailly, Société Metallurgique de Montbard, Blach St. Vaart, Thuan et Fils, Marvel Frères, and others, who for the most part only exhibit specimens of shell and cartridges.

A long S-inch gun which was to have remained as a part of the exhibition of the Russian firm was requisitioned and removed by the Russian Government in view of the troubles in China.

The demand for a certain type of gun which on paper will produce a given rower of execution constantly provides gun makers with new problems. The rivalry between nations for the possession of the best modern guns for the possession of the best modern guns for the possession of the best modern guns but the Skoda works. The breeches of their mayning the general breech system manufactured at the Skoda works. The breeches of their mayning the general breech system manufactured at the Skoda works. The breeches of their mayning the general breech system manufactured at the Skoda works. The breeches of their mayning the general breech system manufactured at the Skoda works. The breeches of their mayning the skoda works. The breeches of the weight of the weight of the weight of the weight

is 4.836 kilos: of a second carriage, with the hody of the carriage and limber, 4.864 kilos. But the Skoda howitzer has one defect it has to be lowered to a horizontal rostition before the feeding carriage which swings the projectile into the breech can be used.

The only automatic gun exhibited in which therate of automatic fire is under centrol is that shown by the Skoda firm. In such makes as the Maxim, Colt and Hotchkiss there is no mean between single shots and the extreme rate of fire. But the main objection to the Skoda automatic is the delicate nature of its mechanism. The recoil acts on a sering as in the Maxim, which works by rarallel motion a rendulum underneath the gun. The swing of the rendulum is reconsible for the period of reassertion on the rart of the spring, and by maninulating it the speed of fire is regulated. As the whole of the motion is exposed it will be readily understood that the weapon is clumby and lends itself to casualty. The barrel, as in the Maxim, is furnished with a water lacket to prevent heating. The breech is fed from above through a slanting recentacle canable of holding 100 rounds. The reservation canting during its trassage into the heach to facilitate extraction. The action of the gun is Som, the length of the gun when the water lacket is emerty 4th. It is fitted with several different mountings, and in one can be carried on the back of a man. The initial velocity is 1,54 feet and the approximate range 2.700 yards. From 91 to 450 rounds per minute is the rate of fire.

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One of the features of the Hotchkiss Ordnance.

Company's exhibition is the new attachment by which its guns have been rendered semi-automatic. The material advantage of this improvement is that the manual working of the gun is reduced to the action of loading and series. It is impossible for the breech it open

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NEW YORK'S SUPREMACY IN COFFEE

Nine-Tenths of the Country's Importations Enter This Port-6,000,000 Bags A Year. The increased American demand for tropical and subtropical products forms a marked str king feature of American import trade as indiing show" among its frequenters but the Mag- cated in the most recent monthly summary issued by the Treasury Department. Such imports of tropical and subtropical products now amount to \$350,000,000 per annum, includsurveying the evidences of mutual goodwill ing sugar, tea, offer, cocoa, spices, fruits rubber, cork, rice, nuts, indigo, olive oil and ivory. The largest item of such commerce sonally, I should not care to endeavor to discover the smouldering flame that is still sup- New York city's commercial supremacy as the chief coffee part of the Western Hemisthese people. There can be little room for phere was unsuccessfully challenged some ears them in the onward rush of industrial enter- | ago by Baltimore, a port nearer the sources of coffee sup-ly, and it has again, but less will be sunk the greater patriotism of the im- serious y, been challenged by New Orleans. The importations of coffee into the United Stat's are to the amount of 800,000,000 pounds in a year, of which 600,000,000 are shipments from Brazil, two-thirds of the who's amount. From other South American countries 20,000,000 tounds are shipped to the United States, from Central America 45,000,000, from Mexico 30,000,000, from the East Indies direct 10,000,000, and

much more.

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consuming countries of the world, and the importance of coffee as an article of commerce is considerably enhanced by the fact that in a dition to the large amounts of it imported into the United States for domestic consumption, there is a trade of \$3,000,000 a year reshined from this country to European ports, chieff. France, Germany and Holland. Ustil a year ago 90 per cent of the imports of foreign coffee were to the city of New York, which received 6,000,000 bags, the annual average of New Orleans being \$300,000, of Baltimore 200,000 and of San Francisco 150,000. No other American cities import coffee in the arrival amount, and the distantive between New York and its three competitors is so large as to preciude the notion that New York's lead can at any time be seriously challenged. In behalf of New Orleans, the claim is made that freight rate from Brazi to New Orleans are about one-half the rates to New York.

The extension of American influence over Cuba and Porto Rico has had the effect of stimulating closer commercial relations with those two islands, both of which are coffee producers, and the fac lities of deliver of coffee in New Orleans are greater than in New York wheelides which sundry Western trunk lines have made New Orleans their harbor terminus for the shipment of American grain and merchan'iss to foreign countries and return, and the delivery there of coffee for shipment to the cities of the far and middle West would thus be facilitated. New York has its Coffee E chance, and this city shares with Hayre and Hamburg o by its importance as a shipping port for coffee. New Orleans, though nearer than New York is to Brazil, is not in such good connection with European ports and, moreover, the largest coffee consuming States are on the All nite sendocard, and of all these States (since Baltimore ceased to be a factor in the market) New York is the great distributing point. is the great distributing point

### GREATEST OF ALASKA CHIEFS. Rules 6,000 Indians, Spraks English and Wears a Boiled Shirt.

Chief Johnson of the Taku tribe, one of the most famous Indians in Alaska, was recently in Salem. He has under his charge 5,000 to 6,000 Indians, and they look to him as their ruler He has six or seven large stores, located at Dyea, Juneau and other points and practically controls the trade with his people. Every three years

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troops and stand out in contrast to a list of insurgent butcheries. A tale of insurgent or guerrilla butchery somes from Sorsogon, in southern Luzon Some days ago two or three Signal Corps men went out from headquarters to repair a break in the line toward Bacon. One of the party

Chief Johnson has a big potlatch, at which time of the city regulations, including being out after hours, blocking the streets and disre-

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take possession of the popular driveway. They stay there after dark and spin round and round under the electric lights. Racing is all the rage and before the wet season set in a well organized club had managed to build a fair track, but now the whole enclosure has one or two inches of water over it. One bicycle dealer says b has sold more than 3,000 wheels in the last year and he is putting up a carefully designed track with high banked curves. The whole thing

to cost in the neighborhood of \$50,000, Mexican

Reports of the recent storm are coming in every day. Here is one from Bataan, just day's trip from Manila to the westward. has rained here almost continuously for the last nine days. A heavy thunderstorm struck the town Saturday night and blew down a dozer bamboo houses. The rain has flooded the country until as far as one can see it looks like great lake. Water surrounds our quarters and cook shack, while the roads and streets are running streams. It is almost impossible to de guard duty these days, and the regiment (the Thirty-second] will have to use bancas or native hoats to pavigate. The insurrectos in the mountains have none the best of it, for the cannot hike and the province will be quiet a long as the rain keeps up. Owing to the rough weather the Government boat that brings mail and supplies from Manila could not make he regular trip. Whenever this happens the boys have to forego fresh meat, mail and newspapers The place is very lonesome and all the men no on duty are required to remain indoors. The natives stick to their houses and the town looks entirely deserted, except when a native venture out with a carabao in the direction of the rice fields. Many of the men are suffering from

Manila itself suffered very severely and was practically under water for several hours vice free. Complete outfits \$1.00. Trial In many of the streets the water ran in swift streams and was high enough to reach above the bottoms of the ordinary vehicles of traffic Many houses were unroofed and chimneys all over the country for miles. The Fourth of Manila, were completely demolished, little more being left than the stalls and supports Following the custom, all the ocean shipping took warning when the signals gave notice of the approach of the storm, and sought

refuge in Cavité anchorage. The river and bay craft lost no time in getting behind the breakwater, but some of the sailing vessels were caught before they could be towed to safe places and among this class there was considerable loss. One big schooner was washed high and dry on the sand of the Luneta and there it is likely to stay until br ken up. Muny lorelas and coasting vessels line the beach from Manila to Cavité and most of them will remain there to rot or furnish the natives with firewood.

There is a rice famine in the Camarines, the district that has given so much trouble from ladrones and semi-organized insurgents. The constant fighting has toid heavily on the country and agriculture of all kinds has been suspended. Reports from the American garrisons state that the rice on hand is only sufficient to feel the population of 50,000 for a few days. The Spanish merchants prefer to import rice in small quantities, selling it for as much as \$13 a caban. A caban of rice in Manila sells to-day for \$3. The population of 1,000 cabans a day will be necessary for a long time to come. Besides the enormous work necessary to clear the weed-grown fields, and to build up the dykes and canals, nearly all the cattle have been killed or impressed.

## SKIRMISHING IN CHINA A Soldier's Story of the Fighting Around

In a letter to his father, Philip R. Reese, who lives at 317 West 119th street, William R. Reese, a non-commissioned officer in Troop A of the Sixth United States Cavalry, now in China, tells interestingly of one of the many hot engagements that characterized the fighting about Tientsin. The letter is dated from the carties of them have passed the three-dated the fighting about Tientsin. The letter is dated from the carties of them have passed the three-dated the fighting and several of them have passed the three-dated the fighting and several of them have passed the three-dated the fighting at 10 these wells are more than half a mile deep and several of them have passed the three-dated the fighting at 10 the fighting at 3,624 feet, while at Friedrichsane near Ascheristen. The have purched a hole of the passed that the passed that the passed the fighting at 3,624 feet, while at Friedrichsane near Ascheristen. The have purched a hole of the passed that the pass



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### Shafts Sunk on Land Shellow Compared With the Ocean's Abysses.

Near Pittsburg a well has been dug 5,582 feet deep-that is, 252 feet more than a mile. Near Wheeling, W. Va., they are sinking & well which is now within a few hundred feet of a mile deep. At last report they had reached the 4,920 foot level. At Sperenberg, near Berlin, Germany, they are driving a hole in gypsum beds which is already 4,559 feet deep and it is getting deeper every day. At Schladabach, near Leipsic, they are taking salt from a well that is even deeper than the Pittsburg well. This hole is 6,265 feet deep. The Red Jacket shaft of the Calumet and Hecla mine in the Lake Superior copper district is a mile deep and men work in the shaft. Near by, the Tamarack mine has a shaft nearly as deep as the Red Jacket. But at Paruschowitz, in eastern Silesia, there is a well which is now 6,700 feet deep, or exactly 100 feet more than a mile and a quarter. They are still boring and it is the intention to go down 8,800 feet, or one and two-thirds miles, when some interesting scientific experiments will be made. Unquestionably, this is now the deepest artificial hole in the world.

But in this race far into the earth's core there are other competitors, other well holes which are not quite so deep as these big ones, but are pressing them hard. They are mostly in Germany. At Lieth, near Altona, there is a hole 4,388 feet deep. At Eu near Strassfurt they have gone down 4,241 feet. At Lubtheen, in Mecklenburg, they are still digging at 3,949 Leet. At Sennewitz, near Halle, 3,644 feet has